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FW court sets date to hear suit on Oswald grave

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FORT WORTH — The Fort Worth Court of Civil Appeals said Thursday it has scheduled arguments April 24 in a suit filed by a British author who wants to open the grave of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Michael H.B. Eddowes requested a court order that would permit a medical examination to determine whether the grave actually holds Oswald's body.

Eddowes contends a Soviet agent posing as Oswald assassinated President John F. Kennedy in Dallas and then was shot to death by Jack Ruby.

After Dist. Atty. Tim Curry questioned the need to open the grave, Dist. Judge James E. Wright rejected Eddowes' request.

Eddowes wants the appeals court to overrule Wright, who said Eddowes lacks legal standing to file the suit.

The Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office joined Eddowes later in trying to open the grave in Rose Hill Cemetery at the east edge of Fort Worth. Assistant Dist. Atty. Marvin Collins said he would oppose this request because of concern that it would open the door for the Oswald family to file a large damage suit against the county government.

"If the grave is opened, we want a court to order it," Collins said. "We have an obligation to protect the taxpayers of Tarrant County."